

# Morning Worship Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Fourth Sunday before Advent

**Reading 1:** 1 Thessalonians 2: 9 - 13

**Gospel:** Matthew 24: 1 - 14

**Proclamation:** Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Psalm 150: 6

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with us all.

This is the day that the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### Psalm 43

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause  
against an ungodly people;  
from those who are deceitful and unjust  
deliver me!

<sup>2</sup> For you are the God in whom I take refuge;  
why have you cast me off?

Why must I walk about mournfully  
because of the oppression of the enemy?

<sup>3</sup> O send out your light and your truth;  
let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling.

<sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God,  
to God my exceeding joy;  
and I will praise you with the harp,  
O God, my God.

<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

**Song:** *(click link) To God be the Glory* [https://youtu.be/TD\\_9P9DB4pw](https://youtu.be/TD_9P9DB4pw)

**Invitation to Confession:** Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith

**Confession:** Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Absolution:** May the Father of all mercies, cleanse us from our sins  
and restore us in His image  
to the praise and glory of His name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Reading1: 1 Thessalonians 2: 9 – 13**

<sup>9</sup> You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters;<sup>[C]</sup> we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup> urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

<sup>13</sup> We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

**Gospel: Matthew 24: 1 - 14**

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup> Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

**Signs of the End of the Age**

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not

alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: <sup>8</sup> all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

### **Persecutions Foretold**

<sup>9</sup> 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. <sup>10</sup> Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup> And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

This is the gospel of the lord. Praise to you O Christ.

**Prayer:** As we listen to your word today Lord, illumine those things that you want to teach us, and give us courage to live by your words. Amen.

**Talk:** (click link) <https://youtu.be/-WLeZRALbYA>

*Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy catholic Church  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession:**

*(Please add in names and circumstances known to you in the appropriate place)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

Psalm 147: 5

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.  
Let us seek his intercession,  
that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.  
Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us:  
pray for your Church, your broken body in the world ...  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,  
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high:  
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule ...  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of man, drawing humanity into the life of God:  
pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow ...  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,  
bringing us to your glory through your death and resurrection:  
pray for all who are dying,  
that they may trust in your promises ...  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of all things,  
ascended far above from the heavens and filling the universe:  
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for  
work in your service ...  
Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, first-fruits of the new creation,  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
until you bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**A Prayer for the new Bishop of Bradwell**

God of provision and care, discernment and knowledge:  
lead us in your love, empower us by your Spirit,  
and equip Adam and all of us with your gifts;  
give us hearts full of love for all people,  
minds open to the signs of the times,  
and wisdom to know how to respond to the voice of your calling.  
We ask this through him who's coming is certain,  
whose day draws near,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Collect:** God of Glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation  
may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Lord's Prayer:** Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen.

*Usually, at this point in the service, we take up our offering; let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** (click link) Yet not I but through Christ in Me <https://youtu.be/zundjUFazfq>

**Blessing:** Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing ...

...and the blessing of God almighty  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be with us, and all and those whom we love,  
this day and always. Amen

**Video:** Ancient Words <https://youtu.be/3vmTkXNpwzs?list=RD3vmTkXNpwzs>